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CHOCOLATES

Let's mobilise the State squad — United are coming!

Manchester United, the crack English outfit, will be here in May — just about three months away.

And the time to start getting a NSW State team ready against them is now.

There is absolutely no time to waste if we hope to field against the Busby boys a team that is reasonably fit and has some understanding.

If we leave our preparations to the last minute,

we may get the biggest hiding of our life.

It's not much use to wait for "forms to develop" when we have such scanty talent at our disposal.

Every soccer fan knows, on last year's form just who could be considered for a State team.

These should be called together at once, to form a squad.

If any player fails to come up to his 1966 standard, he can always be dropped later; if any new star emerges, he can be added.

But waiting until after the Ampol Cup can result

in hurried last minute preparations, a scratch State team — and another fiasco.

On 1966 performances we would recommend that the State squad include these players:

Goalkeepers: Rorke, Fuzes.

Fullbacks: Van Blerk, Ackerley, Marnoch, Lincoln, Nuttall.

Halves: Hughes, Duffy, Walsh, Gawlik.

Linkmen: Blue, Campana, Holden, Warren, Reynolds, Giles.

Strikers: Watkiss, Alagich, Keddie, Krawiarz, Gauto, Giacometti.

It is likely that a few others could be added pretty soon — King, Tolson and Westwater come to mind.

Most of these would be considered later for the Australian squad against Scotland and the Asian tour in October-November.

The only ones ineligible because of foreign nationality would be Gawlik, Campana, Krawiarz and Gauto.

Sparta recently handed out some painfully heavy defeats to their Australian opponents.

Manchester United can be expected to be stronger, tougher and superior to Sparta in every respect.

Only a very thorough and intelligent preparation can give NSW a chance to avoid shattering defeats which would further endanger soccer's future.

DENIAL ON SCHROIF

Slavia in Melbourne don't deny an interest in Willem Schroif, the former Slovan Bratislava goalkeeper, who toured Australia last year with Slovan.

But a leading Slavia official said last week that contrary to press reports Schroif was not yet signed.

A Slavia official in Europe has made contact with Schroif.

Beyond that and the fact that Slavia have made the player an offer nothing concrete has emerged.

Slavia deny that Schroif would be brought as a player-coach and claim that Bill Curran is the appointed coach for 1967.

A European report says that FC Vienna are also interested in acquiring the services of Schroif.

So at the moment the position is not too clear on the player's future.

— Bob Low.



It took all the determination of Croatia defenders Curry (No. 4) and Lincoln to stop Polonia's brilliant inside-right Krawiarz in this scramble for possession during last Sunday's Ampol Cup match at Wentworth Park. Polonia held Croatia to a 1-1 draw — thanks to a great individual goal by Krawiarz.

SLAV STARS BRIGHTEN NSW SCENE

The arrival of some Yugoslav stars may give Sydney soccer the much needed, long awaited boost.

A former Yugoslav international, Ante Zanetic, 30, is due any day to join Yugal.

Zanetic played right half in the Yugoslav team that won the 1960 Olympic gold medal in Rome.

Later again he was capped many times by Yugoslavia and one of his matches was in 1960 against England, when the Yugoslavs forced a 3-3 at Wembley.

Zanetic hails from Hajduk Split, the famous Dalmatian club which toured Australia in 1949 — and was promptly and predictably labelled by the Sydney Press as "Yugoslavia".

In the last two years Zanetic played as a professional in Belgium.

Yugal's other newcomer, Ilja Takac, has already shown glimpses of his class.

In his official debut last Friday he scored a splendid hat-trick against Cumberland.

Hakoah may soon be strengthened by two Yugoslavs, signed by Tiko Jelisavcic on his recent trip.

They are Ibrahim Muratovic and Bozidar Perovic from Novisad.

It is good to know that at least some Sydney clubs are

taking advantage of the liberal attitude of the Yugoslav FA and Government, allowing any player to leave their country and play elsewhere.

West German, French and Belgian clubs have recently signed a host of top Yugoslav players — and most of them are huge successes.

International forward Skoblar is now star of Marseilles, fellow international Takac is with Rennes, while the great stopper Vasovic is the current sensation of the Dutch Ajax.

In recent years Yugoslavia has been one of our best "exporters".

It was from there that such Sydney toppers as Jelisavcic, Stojanovic, Nincevic, Lazarevic, Dunaj, Vicevic, Nezmah, Dacevski, Petric, Lalic, Krgin, Banicevic and others came.

There can be little doubt that several other clubs could also get some excellent players from Yugoslavia to bolster their youthful teams.

Far from supressing local talent, the presence of established, experienced and polished overseas players would go a long way towards helping our own youngsters to develop.

— Paul Dean



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POINT DROP BY A.P.I.A. SURPRISE

South Coast created a tremendous surprise last Friday night by holding APIA to a shock 2-2 draw, after leading 1-0 at halftime.

Last week's six Ampol Cup matches produced no less than four draws and only Hakoah and Yugal managed to win.

The orgy of draws in Group "B" has thrown this group wide open as all six teams now appear certain to be in the running for the two semifinal berths right up to the final preliminary round.

Last Wednesday week:

MELITA CAUSE SHOCK

The first round Ampol Cup matches postponed from the previous week because of the wet conditions were played last Wednesday week under perfect weather conditions.

The surprise of the night took place in the first match where newly-promoted Melita Eagles held the more experienced Pan Hellenic to a 1-1 draw.

In the late match Hakoah beat Prague 1-0.

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles 1-1

In their first encounter in First Division, Melita Eagles more than held their own against Pan Hellenic.

From the kick-off right to the final whistle, the match was played at a very fast pace with both sides attacking to get the first break-through.

In the first 20 minutes Pan Hellenic had the better share of the ball and two shots in the 10th and 15th minutes by Doug Logan were both high and wide off target.

As play progressed, Melita were finding themselves better, and after forcing two successive corners, Azzopardi nearly scored when his drive from about 20 yards thundered past the left-hand upright with goalie Maglis out of position.

Azzopardi, playing at inside right for Melita, was the best forward on the field.

Soon after play resumed in the second half, Pan Hellenic scored but the goal was disallowed when Karyannis was offside.

At the other end, Azzopardi missed another great chance when his drive hit the crossbar.

Maglis was swift in clearing the rebound which would certainly have produced the first goal as Azzopardi rushed in for the kill.

But Melita drew first blood when in the 58th minute, after two successive corners, outside-left Stefanovic had a shot from about 25 yards which hit the right-hand under-side corner of the post before rebounding into the net.

After this goal, which sent the crowd cheering wildly for a spell, Melita seemed to be content to play in midfield and this gave Pan Hellenic more room for quick recovery.

The equaliser came within five minutes when outside-right John Demos gathered a ball and sped down towards the corner post where he centred to inside-left John Karyannis who quickly switched the ball to the unmarked inside-right Brian Smith to head an easy goal.

Pan Hellenic nearly scored again soon after when a disagreement between Pat Woods and

goalie Terry Eaton nearly let Logan through.

Details:
Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Johnston, Omeros; Sanchez, Cole, McCulloch; Demos, Smith, Westwater, Karyannis, Logan.

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Falzon, Woods; Dayney, Cilia, Jaros; Montague, Azzopardi, Mulqueeney, Hewlett, Stefanovic.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Scorers: Stefanovic 58 min. for Melita Eagles, Smith 63 min. for Pan Hellenic.

Hakoah v. Prague 1-0

This match was 70 minutes of uninspiring soccer that didn't raise a clap or a boo from the crowd in its entire duration.

The Prague team was made up mostly of juniors and young men having their first run in First Division football and Hakoah, using most of last year's players, seemed hardly the team that won the 1966 Grand Final.

Both teams were hopelessly out of condition and were content to restrict all their movements in midfield with either side occasionally making spasmodic ineffective attacks.

However, on the day, Hakoah deserved to come out the winner, because although they were very slack in attack, their movements were well aimed and more accurate.

Their new acquisition from Latrobe (Brisbane), Red Edmunds, impressed in the forward line and most of the raids that Hakoah made on the Prague goal were started by him.

In front of goal, the Hakoah forward line missed badly, especially in the first half.

The first dangerous shot at goal came in the 20th minute when King, the Prague keeper, saved a hard drive from outside-right Fekete.

Soon after, the Hakoah inside-right, Jim Harding, skied the ball with only King in front of him.

As soon as play started in the second half, Hakoah produced what was to be the winning goal.

Jim Harding made amends for his earlier blunder when, after a good run on the right flank, he beat two defenders before centering the ball in front of the goal-post where Doug Holden moved in to score at point blank range.

This goal seemed to put some life into the Prague attack, but despite all their trying, the forwards couldn't click.

The only forward who stood out for Prague was

inside-left Ross Manuel, a junior.

In the final few minutes, Prague tried hard to get the equaliser and right on time outside-right Povey was fouled just outside the Hakoah penalty area.

From the resulting free-kick, centre-forward Gauto sent a hard drive that screeched past the outside of the crossbar.

Despite their win Hakoah have little to be complacent about.

Their showing on Wednesday screams loudly for

Last Friday:

TAKAC SCORES THREE

A pity only 2,870 fans turned up at Marks Field last Friday night for the Yugal v. Cumberland and APIA v. South Coast double-header.

Those who stayed away missed a thrilling, satisfying night's entertainment which kept the small crowd on its toes for the full 140 minutes.

Yugal v. Cumberland 5-2

Playing crisp, attractive football, Yugal gave one of their best displays for some time.

The standard of the match came as a pleasant surprise as most people, frankly, expected Friday's early match to develop into a boring, insipid early season affair.

Newcomer Ilja Takac from Sarajevo was the man of the match.

His three goals were superb and his all round positional play and distribution played a major part in Yugal's transformation.

Cumberland, with their four youngsters, started shakily but improved as the match progressed and their display, too, was better than expected.

A big weakness in goal where Fisher had a miserable game cost them two goals but these mishaps did not dampen their enthusiasm as they ended the match stronger than they started.

Right winger Keddie, who notched both his team's goals, is already in fine form and seems headed for a good season where he could come close to gaining representative honors.

Details:
Yugal: Djukic; Nacinovic (Ringhoff), Crnich; Stosich (sent off), Banicevic, Rafaneli; Alagich, Takac, Edwards, Bobic, Lalic. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Cumberland: Fisher; Smith, Haggatt (Mucillo); Charlton, Keen, Grant; Keddie, Entwistle, Fernie, Goldie, Crocker. Coach: L. Queded.

Scorers: Takac 15, 20 and 54 min., Bobic 23 and 59 min. for Yugal; Keddie 26 and 67 min. for Cumberland.

Referee: J. Henkleman.

APIA v. South Coast 2-2

South Coast staged a complete reversal of form to hold APIA to a thrilling draw after a magnificent first half.

In the first 35 minutes the youthful provincials played as a team inspired and it's been a long time

tightening both defence and attack.

Details:
Hakoah: Fuzes; Edwards, Hillsdon; Walsh, Marnoch, Duffy; Fekete, Harding, Hood, Edmunds, Holden.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Tracey; Blacker, Zeman, Lissing; Povey, Minor, Gauto, Manuel, Laing.

Scorer: Holden 42 min. for Hakoah.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

Crowd: 3,606 (double-header).

— Charles Spiteri.

RESULT TABLES

GROUP	APIA	St. George	South Coast	Yugal	Cumberland	Canterbury
"A"						
APIA	●					
St. George	2-2	●				
South Coast	2-2	0-2	●			
Yugal				●		
Cumberland				2-5	●	
Canterbury	1-5					●
GROUP	Hakoah	Prague	P. Hellenic	Croatia	Polonia	Melita Eagles
"B"						
Hakoah	●					
Prague	0-1	●				
Pan Hellenic		1-1	●			
Croatia				●		
Polonia				1-1	●	
Melita Eagles				1-1		●

cometti, Kerklaan. Coach: A. Iglesias.

South Coast: Nuell; Kerr, Hutchison; Strachan, Barnes, Carr; Patterson, Barnett, Banks, Tolson, Davies. Coach: G. Barnett.

Scorers: Giacometti 55

and 58 min. for APIA; Davies 23 min., Van Blerk (own goal) 63 min. for South Coast.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 2,870 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier.

Last Sunday:

TWO 1-1 DRAWS

Croatia and Prague came from behind to share the points with Polonia and Pan Hellenic last Sunday.

In contrast to the early match which had spectators drowsy in the warm sunshine, Prague and Pan Hellenic turned on a real "crowd pleaser".

Polonia v. Croatia 1-1

Polonia can count themselves a little unlucky not to have collected full points, instead of sharing them, from Sunday's Ampol Cup clash with Croatia.

They would certainly have done so had it not been for an amateurish mistake by goalkeeper, Drewniak, just before halftime, with Polonia leading one-nil.

Drewniak somehow contrived to allow a harmless, speculative shot by Tyrrell, Croatia's Irish forward, to bounce through his hands into the net.

Croatia must be the despair of their supporters, and Sunday's display was reminiscent of last season, when they rarely produced the same form in consecutive matches.

In the first half, they were constantly in Polonia's penalty area, but showed little imagination or flair when confronted by the strong tackling Nowacki, Dzialach and Komoder.

Polonia, on the other hand, played with greater purpose in attack, and more assurance in defence, throughout the match.

And, in Krawiarz and Gaik, they have two clever forwards whose understanding and skill was apparent from the start against Croatia.

It was Krawiarz who scored Polonia's goal when, after gaining half a yard on the hesitant Croatia defence, he beat Corry with an acutely angled drive.

Then, five minutes later, came Drewniak's blunder and Croatia's equaliser — and that was the end of the scoring for the day.

In the second half, both teams slowed down noticeably in the energy-sapping heat, and neither goalkeeper was really threatened.

Details:
Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, R. Cush; Curry, Bonham,

Snedden; Swoboda, Reynolds, F. Cush, Giles, Tyrrell.

Polonia: Drewniak; Calphy, Cebula; Nowacki, Dzialach, Komoder; Woodward (Oliver), Gaik, Gawlik, Krawiarz, Adamson.

Scorers: Krawiarz, 27 min., for Polonia; Tyrrell, 32 min., for Croatia.

Referee: F. Woolman.

Pan Hellenic v. Prague 1-1

The match started at an almost suicidal pace in the hot-house conditions, and this no doubt influenced the more sedate play in the second half.

Pan Hellenic began as if they intended sweeping Prague aside with sheer power, and were unlucky not to score in the first five minutes.

The match provided a study in contrast, with Pan Hellenic's robust tactics pitted against the short-passing game of Prague.

Play was in injury time when Cole, again lurking on the edge of the Prague penalty box, pounced on a bad clearance, and beat King with a low drive into the right hand corner of the net.

Play was noticeably more subdued after the break.

Prague's equaliser, in the 56th minute, was scored, fittingly, by Povey when he hit a low, hard shot into the left side of the Pan Hellenic goal.

Maglis, diving, could only palm the ball into the net.

Details:

Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Johnston, Omeros; Sanchez, Cole, McCulloch; Demos (Bardetta), Smith, Westwater, Karyannis, Logan.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Tracey; Blacker, Zeman, Lissing; Povey, C. Minor, G. Manuel, Laing (R. Manuel), Gauto.

Scorers: Cole, 37 min., for Pan Hellenic; Povey, 56 min., for Prague.

Referee: N. Jones.

Crowd: 3,880 (double-header).

— Alan Speers.

Hakoah, Yugal should make it two in a row

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The big beneficiaries of last week's Ampol Cup results, Hakoah and Yugal, have a great chance to win two games in a row when they meet Polonia and Canterbury, respectively, this weekend.

Hakoah meet Polonia-NS in Friday's late match at Marks Field, following the Croatia v. Melita Eagles game.

Yugal, on Sunday at Wentworth Park, will play Canterbury at 1.45 p.m.

Sunday's "main" match is between St. George-Budapest, another first round winner, and Cumberland.

Croatia v.

Melita Eagles

Both teams played a 1-1 draw last weekend but the way they achieved the result was vastly different.

Melita Eagles gave a promising, at times exhilarating, display of non-stop football that kept the crowd on its toes from start to finish.

Croatia, in contrast, featured in a dull, listless game with Polonia.

Their forward-line missed enough shots to sink a battleship with a series of wild, misdirected kicks.

Their approach work was promising, but Polonia's defence easily accounted for their hesitancy in front of goal.

It could be very much the same story against Melita's excellent defence, which on paper looks as strong as Polonia's.

Considering it was the first time Melita played together as a team last week, their performance against Pan Hellenic was most encouraging and suggests they have a better than even chance on Friday.

Croatia's forwards must improve dramatically if they are to make any impression on the likes of the experienced Woods, Falzon, Cille and Jaros.

This could easily again end in a draw or in a narrow Melita win as their inside-forward, Mario Az-zopardi, is a match-winner if ever we saw one.

Watch for: The ever-green Melita Eagles captain-coach, Karl Jaros, as trim and fit as ever.

Hakoah v.

Polonia-NS

We can't guarantee you many goals on Friday night but the defences of both teams alone will be worth the trip to Marks Field.

Polonia and Hakoah are stacked with classy defenders who should make it very difficult for the forwards to find the net.

If last week's display by both sets of forwards was any indication, neither team is likely to score more than a goal — if that.

Hakoah, as we predicted, played indifferently against Prague and again proved what slow starters they are every season.

They will get much better, however, as the season progresses, but we doubt whether their forwards will be much sharper Friday night against a defence of Polonia's calibre.

Polonia showed against Croatia they just have a one-man forward-line.

Take the brilliant Krawiarz away, and Polonia gives one the impression

they could play for hours without ever scoring.

Krawiarz will certainly come in for a lot of attention from the tough Hakoah defenders.



DANNY WALSH

Should Marnoch and Co. succeed in curbing the Polish "B" international, Hakoah won't have much to worry about.

This they may manage to achieve, and probably also score a goal in the bargain to notch at least another 13 points.

Watch for: Former Queenslander, Red Edmunds, fit into the Hakoah attack as though he'd always been there.

Yugal v.

Canterbury

Yugal have every reason to feel confident about the outcome of Sunday's early game at Wentworth Park.

If they can repeat their display of last Friday week they should take the Canterbury hurdle in their stride.

Canterbury's defence, on paper, looks weaker than Cumberland's at this stage and it will take the best of Mel Clarke to restrict Yugal's scoring rate.

With one match under his belt, Lalic should have found his feet, and since Alagich is unlikely to play again as poorly as against Cumberland, where he was just about the worst Yugal forward, Yugal's forward-line may be in an even more devastating mood.



PETAR BANICEVIC

Their defence should be able to withstand anything Canterbury throws at them.

The Berries are in strife and will have to strengthen their team immeasurably before the premiership kicks off.

Their present team would probably find the going tough even in Second Division.

If Yugal keep up the cracking pace that shattered Cumberland last week they should bag another brace of points and shoot to the lead in Group "A".

A defeat for Canterbury seems inevitable, but we may see a slight improvement.

Watch for: Classy Ilja Takac, Yugal's new playmaker — and goal-getter — from Yugoslavia — a bright new star on the Sydney scene.

St. George v.

Cumberland

Despite Saints' first round win and Cumberland's defeat, St. George-Budapest are not a good thing to win here untroubled.

Cumberland will have benefited from their outing last week and may reach better understanding on Sunday.



FRANK HAFHEY

St. George must be favored to win their second consecutive game in the series and stake a claim for one of their group's coveted semifinal spots.

They will again rely on Cliss and Warren in the forward line to see them through.

The English newcomer and the Australian skipper will be Cumberland's bogeymen, the players they must neutralise if they are to stand any chance.

Saints' defence, however, will have to show marked improvement on the form displayed against South Coast two weeks ago.

In Fernie, Goldie and especially Keddie, Cumberland have forwards capable of exploiting any loose play in front of their opponents' goal.

Hillary's task in marking Keddie will be all-important.

On their duel could hinge the result of the game.

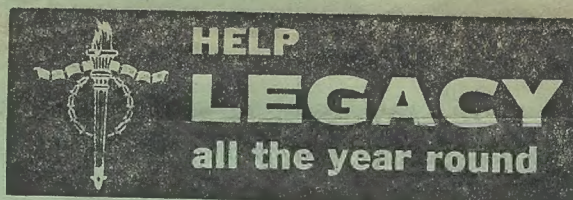
Warren and Cliss for St. George; Fernie, Goldie and Keddie for Cumberland — the stage is set for a battle of forwards and the result could be a high-scoring game as both attacks are very superior to their respective defences.

St. George to win, but Cumberland will be right in it to the finish.

Watch for: Former Chelsea chick, David Cliss, take over as St. George's midfield "general."



Prague's young goalie Gary King reveals the form that stamps him as one of the best 'keepers in Sydney at the moment with this fine save under pressure. King played a big part in holding Pan Hellenic to a 1-1 draw last Sunday.



THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Croatia v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field 7.00 p.m.
Polonia-NS v. Hakoah — Marks Field 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Yugal v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park 1.45 p.m.
Cumberland v. St. George — Wentworth Park 3.15 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

South Coast v. Canterbury — Marks Field, 7.00 p.m.
APIA v. Yugal — Marks Field, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park, 1.45 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Wentworth Park, 3.15 p.m.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	2	1	1	—	7	3	24
Yugal	1	1	—	—	5	2	17
St. George	1	1	—	—	2	0	14
S. Coast	2	—	1	1	2	4	7
C'land	1	—	1	2	5	2	—
Canterbury	1	—	1	1	5	1	—

GROUP "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	1	1	—	—	1	0	13
P. Hellenic	2	—	2	—	2	2	12
Croatia	1	—	1	—	1	1	6
M. Eagles	1	—	1	—	1	1	6
Polonia-NS	1	—	1	—	1	1	6
Prague	2	—	1	1	2	6	—

AMPOL REFEREES

Croatia v. Melita Eagles — H. Parsons; Hakoah v. Polonia-NS — H. Ellerts; Yugal v. Canterbury — M. Buchanan; Cumberland v. St. George-Budapest — L. Wilson.

WIN: 12 pts.

DRAW: 5 pts.

GOAL: 1 pt.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

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CURRY
BONHAM
SNEDDEN
SWOBODA
REYNOLDS
CUSH
GILES
TYRRELL

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
WOODS
FALZON
DAYNEY
CILIA
JAROS
MONTAGUE
HEWLETT
MULQUEENY
AZZOPARDI
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PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR INJURIES IS VARIED

By D. Jackson, N.A.T.A. (U.S.A.)

Soccer is becoming a big business and in any industry getting fit after injury is a full-time job of work.

During the past few years big strides have been made in the question of differential diagnosis, therapeutics, the prevention of injury, and the assessing of a player's degree of fitness after injury.

The average soccer player today possesses the health, degree of conditioning, and the motivation to enable him to return to the game as quickly as possible.

The medical room must not become an escape from the hard grind of training, but rather we should work for a situation whereby a player will work harder to get fit after having received an injury than he does during the normal training routine.

Although we may have at our disposal a well equipped treatment room, this alone will not bring about any dynamic recovery.

Confidence vital

The restoring of the player's confidence is of tremendous importance and therefore we must prove complete fitness to the player as well as to ourselves.

In any injury the degree of recovery is directly proportional to the severity and the site of the trauma, the trainer's first aid on the field and the consequent follow-up treatment between games.

This is when physical therapy can play such an important part in the speedy recovery of an injured player.

In soccer the bulk of injuries are concussion, sprains and strains of the joints and muscles, and contusions.

Some of the means by which we treat such injuries are heat, ultrasonics, electrical muscle stimulation, and exercise.

The advantages of applying heat to traumatized tissue are well known.

When we receive an injury in which tissue is torn or crushed the small blood vessels in that area are ruptured and bleed into the tissues.

In addition the blood vessels which are not damaged dilate and therefore hold more blood than under normal circumstances, the walls of these capillaries become more porous and we get a seeping of blood plasma plus white corpuscles passing into the tissue to mix with the blood from the damaged vessels.

This results in swelling and a discoloration or bruising.

Again, the muscles about an injured joint could go into spasm, so making a complete examination of the joint difficult.

When we apply heat we get a dilation of the blood vessels and therefore an in-

crease in the circulation, so such treatment should not be started until all active swelling has ceased.

With the increase in the circulation we get a resorption of the swelling, local pain is eased, and the heat also aids in the relaxation of the painful muscle spasm.

I use hydrocollator steam packs for this purpose, finding that I can get maximum thermal effect to the area resulting in the best heat comfort and results.

Following heat, skilful massage to the injury will assist in the removal of traumatic exudates and a reduction in the swelling.

If we apply an electrical stimulation to an injured muscle we give mechanical massage.

This type of treatment can be combined with the heat treatment by placing a hot pack over the pads producing the electrical stimulant.

The combination again bringing about the stimulation of the circulation and lymph flow, the removal of vascular and lymphatic exudates, reducing swelling which in turn reduces pain.

Ultrasonic therapy is an old and well proved form of treatment.

Briefly, the human ear is sensitive to vibrations of between 20 to 1700 cycles per second, called sound waves.

If we produce vibrations of a higher frequency the human ear is imperceptible to them and they are called ultrasonic waves.

Such waves are bunched into a beam and can be directed towards an injury like a ray of light.

These waves are produced by the mechanical oscillations by a quartz plate to synchronous vibrations which can be emitted from a treatment head.

Improved circulation

The result of such treatment being the blood and lymph supply to the tissue is considerably improved.

Cellular metabolism is increased by the improved circulation.

In the inflamed tissue the acidity is brought back to normal.

Pain and spasm are relieved.

The most effective method in the treatment of injuries is active exercise.

Although the injury must receive adequate treatment, we must not overlook the confidence and general fitness of the player.

Owing to pain and weakness following injury, we can use active and passive exercises to aid the player's understanding of what is required of him to achieve muscle and joint rehabilitation.

Never during the treatment of joint or muscle injuries, must forcible manipulations be used.

This could result in additional bleeding and the formations of adhesions.

The majority of the activities used are based on normal functional patterns.

As an example in knee injuries, quadriceps maintenance is of primary importance.

Here step-up activities with

methods of progression are called for.

Such activities give a quick-build up in bulk and power.

One factor I would like to stress in muscle injuries is that before a player is allowed to participate in competitive soccer we must, and this is vital, be sure that we have obtained full extensibility of the muscle group.

If the full stretch of the muscle is limited, you will find that it will break down under the strain of competitive soccer, and the player is back on the trainers' bench.

I feel that in the prevention of injury putting the major muscle groups in the lower limbs such as the adductors, hamstrings, and the rectus femoris muscle to a stretching routine before any training stint or game will show a marked decline in the number of muscle pulls.

In conclusion we are always looking for new techniques that will help to cut down on the recovery time of an injured player, and to those interested in this type of work there is a stimulating challenge.

Manly came a long way from the verge of death

— BY ALAN SPEERS —

If there is any truth in the old adage that survival generally goes to the fittest, Second Division "new boys" Manly Warringah United should have no worries this season.

Certainly, if the rigid training they began last October is any criterion, there will be few fitter teams in either of the top two divisions.

And, after being in the doldrums and on the verge of disbanding several years ago, the team could well justify the quiet air of optimism apparent among club officials.

Soccer, until comparatively recently, has been something of a "poor relation" in sport in the Manly district.

Public apathy has been a major drawback in efforts by officials to establish the code on a sound basis.

However, they are confident that the game is, at last, emerging from the shadows cast by Rugby.

The team's success last season in the Inter-Suburban League has helped to revive interest in, and win new friends for, the game locally.

It also won for the club the right to apply for re-entry into the Second Division, from which they slipped two years ago.

Towards the end of last season crowds of almost 500 were watching Manly's home matches at Graham Reserve.

TOP GROUND

Officials, confident that this upward trend will continue, have almost completed negotiations with Manly Council, which owns Graham Reserve, to make improvements to the ground.

Officials point out that Graham Reserve already has been approved by the Federation's Screening Committee, as suitable for Second Division football.

"The ground is considered eventually the finest in the Sydney metropolitan area," club secretary, Alan Bush, says, "but in the long term we realise that any ambitions to reach First Division status must be accompanied by planned development of facilities.

"And, we are confident that promotion to the top

division is within our capabilities, though it may take us some years."

If the Council agrees to the loan — as seems probable — the club is confident of completing the ground improvements before the season starts in March.

At present, facilities at the ground are excellent by Second Division standards.

The amenities building, opened two years ago, includes turnstiles, three change rooms for referees and the home and visiting teams; refreshment kiosk; ground equipment room, and ladies and gents toilets.

Manly's revival of fortune began at the end of the 1964 season, after several seasons of toiling at the foot of the Second Division table.

YOUNG TEAM

It was decided that the team's future rested in Manly's flourishing junior soccer body, the Manly Warringah Junior Association.

A senior sub-committee, made up of some junior association committeemen, and others, was formed to control the senior team's affairs.

The club has not looked back since.

Coached by Denis Adrigan, formerly with Canterbury and St. George-Budapest, Manly spent two years in the Inter-Suburban League, winning the final last year against Marconi.

The average age of the first and reserve grade teams was only 20, testimony to the club's new policy of using locally produced youngsters.

Senior officials believe that the wealth of talent in the junior ranks will, eventually, lead to Manly winning a place in First Division.

Manly's coach, Denis Adrigan, is a firm believer in the value of physical fitness — and his training program for the senior squad of first and reserve team players would do credit to an Olympic athlete.

WITH THE AMATEURS GRANVILLE'S SIX CLUBS IN INTER-SUBURBAN

Long-established Granville district has the strongest representation in the 1967 Inter-Suburban competition, with three First Division and three Second Division clubs competing.

Bankstown is next with five clubs.

Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, Norths, Southern Districts, and Nepean also have strong amateur contingents.

Ku-ring-gai makes a welcome return to amateur football.

The club is pinning its hopes on coach Dave Wardell, who has the qualifications and a high reputation as well.

The Upper North Shore badly needs a club with a spectacular following.

Gladesville-Hornsby is determined to give more opportunity to its own huge junior reservoir.

Its ground, Somerville Park, is well situated between Eastwood and Epping, and should develop rapidly.

Gladesville-Hornsby is all set to make a major coaching appointment.

AUBURN REMAINS

Auburn is the only Inter-Suburban Second Division club for 1967 which competed in the league in 1966.

Belmore hails from First Division, and the remainder were promoted from Third and Fourth Divisions.

Belmore, always strong at Rudd Park, is certain to have a good season.

Second Division will provide very solid football, and comprises, Belmore, Penrith, Gympie, Auburn, Warringah, Guildford, East Side, Liverpool Inter, Yagoona, All Stars, Arncliffe, and Riverside.

— K. G.

Bathurst keen

Croatia's new coach, George Kiss, addressed the NSW Coaches' Annual Meeting recently on his observations of coaching since coming to Australia.

A master coach in his own right, he amazed local coaches with his appreciation of matters requiring improvement in Sydney.

One of the best aspects of the meeting was the attendance of delegates from four affiliated coaching branches, Canterbury, Manly, Bankstown, and Bathurst.

Bathurst secretary, E. Finney said his district was determined to introduce high standard soccer coaching to the country.

Australian Coaches' officials received a good hearing in their advocacy of uniform, properly-graded courses to be instituted in all States.

The 1967 officers are:—

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Tour of Asia calls for thorough plans

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Later this year, possibly in October-November, an Australian team will undertake a tour of Asia.

As this will be the first time a full team from Australia has represented us in Asia in any major sport, it is not indifferent how our team fares.

In principle we readily accept the fact that the tour is essential and could be of great benefit to Australian soccer.

But there are also many pitfalls which should be seriously considered by the ASF. It appears that an eight-week tour would be too long.

In soccer it's not customary to make such lengthy tours, nor is it necessary. The two rugby codes are more or less compelled to make their tours long, whenever they go overseas, because the number of countries, and thus their opponents, are strictly limited.

Match-grabbing

But as every country plays soccer, there is no need to grab every opportunity for a match.

It is also doubtful if our part-timers could stand up to the stress of an eight-week tour during which they may have to play 16-20 matches.

In Australia the average player trains about four hours a week and plays one match.

On this tour they would probably train eight hours or more and play two or three games each week.

While this may be closer to the soccer ideal than our customary set-up, the question is whether the players can adapt themselves to an entirely different schedule.

Obviously, a training camp would be necessary before the team sets out — and this must be longer and more severe than the one held in 1965 in Queensland.

So if you take the players away for three or four weeks into a camp and then for eight weeks overseas, they will stay away for about three months from home.

This is likely to create problems with either their employment or their studies, maybe even with their families.

In a fully professional set-up such an arrangement could be made without a hitch: in our circumstances the hitches could be numerous.

Another aspect which needs very careful examination is that the countries Australia

may visit are both in the Northern and the Southern Hemisphere.

One day the team may play in icy-cold Korea or Japan, a few days later in steamy and hot Singapore or Bangkok.

It would be, purely from a physiological viewpoint, more ideal not to "mix" the two Hemispheres and concentrate on countries in one or the other.

Food and drinking water may also present special problems in at least some of the Asian countries.

So the players will not only have to adapt themselves to different climates but also a vast assortment of foods and dicey water.

Unless the team is prepared for these well in advance, it is certain that many players will spend more days in bed than on sightseeing trips.

The tentative plan calls for a manager and assistant-manager to accompany the team.

This may be redundant — and even dangerous.

It is common knowledge that the co-manager arrangement on the 1965 Asian tour was a total failure.

Both Jim Bayutti and Ian Brusasco later admitted this in their tour report.

So maybe a tour manager and a team manager would be a better solution.

We agree that a coach, a physician and a masseur should go with the team.

Undoubtedly, the coach and masseur will be the best available man.

So should be the doctor, preferably someone from the Australian Sports Medicine Association.

Plenty of time

If this is not possible, then the next best would be an orthopaedic specialist familiar with injuries and their treatment which occur so frequently in soccer.

To sum it up, let's do this tour properly.

We have the time to prepare well, no major decision should be left to the last minute.

A shorter tour — four or five weeks — would be much more ideal than the one suggested with concentration on countries with similar climates.

As for the team's preparation, there is no time to waste.

We agree with the basic

formula that the team should include talented youngsters who are likely to mature into key players.

These we will need in 1968 or 1969, when the World Cup elimination matches are to be played.

But it is also essential that the team include our current best and most experienced players, regardless whether

they are Australian-born or naturalised.

This tour, if successfully prepared and conducted, could well lead to regular soccer traffic between Australian and Asian teams.

So there is no room for failure which would only further delay the development of our contacts with Asian countries.

NEW GUINEA IS MOVING AHEAD

— BY DENIS ADRIGAN —

President of the Australian Coaches' Federation

I am convinced that soccer will rapidly develop in Papua-New Guinea.

During my visit there late last year on a coaching tour, arranged by the ASF and sponsored by the Rothmans Sports Foundation, I saw many signs of latent talent.

Soccer's popularity out-draws rugby five to one.

They have some 5,000 registered players who play in the various district competitions, all semi-autonomous.

At the end of the season the district champions play a round-robin to determine the ultimate winner.

This last year was, surprisingly for the locals, Lorengau from Manus Island who beat Pt. Moresby 1-0.

In the majority of districts and clubs, regular, proper training is almost unknown.

Yet I saw a great many talented players — naturally gifted, you may say.

At all the coaching demonstrations I held I noticed that the native boys have a capacity to learn very fast.

Their ball handling is much better than could be expected under the circumstances.

However, physically they are rather weak.

Their diet is unsatisfactory as they hardly ever eat meat and eggs; their staple food is sweet potatoes and rice.

The Administration rather neglects all aspects of physical education — as far as I know, there is not one PT instructor in the whole of the Territory.

Poor facilities

They also lack suitable grounds and equipment.

Despite soccer's clear domination as the most popular sport, the best grounds all belong to rugby.

Most schools are also very badly off with sporting equipment and I feel Australia should be able to help here by sending them whatever can be spared — shorts, socks, balls, etc.

I am convinced that within two or three years the standard could be vastly improved — with regular training and with somewhat better facilities.

In fact, I am sure they could soon reach the Australian standard.

During the recent South Pacific championships the Territory lost 3-4 to Tahiti — after having led 3-1 with 20 minutes to go.

Papua-New Guinea prepared 11 days for this

tournament, while Tahiti put in two solid years, under the coaching of a Frenchman specially sent there from Paris.

The relationship between the various tribes is not the most harmonious.

The Morobi, Chimbu, Sepik, Papuan, Tolai and other tribesmen blend well in a national side — but when they face one another in representative matches, there is often trouble.

Soccer, I am sure, could also help in eradicating ancient feuds among the tribes.

Famous coach is interested in Aussie offer

Negotiations are under way to bring to Australia a top-line, world famous coach.

Executives of the Australian Coaches' Federation have recently opened the negotiations.

It is expected that the ASF will sanction their decision and will foot the bill.

One of the coaches considered is Ferenc Plattko, now living in Santiago, Chile.

In the 1920's Plattko was Hungary's and one of Euro-

pe's greatest goalkeepers.

In the last number of years he has lived in Spain and South America.

At present he is coaching Chile's crack Colo Colo outfit.

Plattko has already indicated that he would be interested in coming to Australia for a six or 12-month period to hold coaching courses.

If the negotiations are successful he may come to Australia later this year or early 1968.

The Coaches' Federation is also in contact with other possible choices, mainly from Europe.

A decision is likely within a few months.

(This is indeed a welcome move by the progressive Coaches' Federation.)

This newspaper has been suggesting, indeed, demanding for the last few years that Australia fall into step with the other "emerging" soccer nations of the world and engage an experienced top coach for a period.

And as FIFA doesn't seem interested, it's entirely up to us to act.

It is gratifying to know that of all the sections of our soccer community, it is the coaches who have acted on our proposal.

This gives lie to the fallacy that the Coaches' Federation oppose such an appointment, jealously guarding their monopoly.

We can only hope that the ASF fully backs the move.

— Editor.

HORNSBY BUY LAND FOR OWN HOME GROUNDS

Hornsby North End, admitted to Federation Second Division only last year, will have their own football ground in operation by the start of 1968.

The foundation committee of their social club has completed the purchase of 11 acres of land in New Line Road, West Pennant Hills, 3½ miles from Pennant Hills Railway Station.

The area is lightly populated at this stage, but is certain to go ahead over the next few years.

The plans call for an oblong field, with a practice ground.

A two storey residence on the property will be used initially as a clubhouse.

The playing pitch is to be graded and turfed as soon as possible.

Doug Lapwood, the former Hakoah and Auburn defender, has been appointed Hornsby's player-coach for 1967.

Training is at Thornleigh Oval, pending the local Council releasing Pennant Hills Oval for winter use.

Hornsby will concentrate on building young players to stardom.

Many of the district's best prospects have joined the club.

These include outstanding under 16s of last year, brothers David and John Barber, Phil Axenteff, Phil Partridge, and Peter Jones.

Dave Brown, a State Amateur under-18 inside forward who toured Queensland last year, has been signed.

The club has obtained two 21-year-olds with talent and second team experience, Harry Armstrong from Corinthians, and Frank Ward from Sydney Austral.

Wing-half Armstrong has created a favorable impression in trials, and could be a first team choice.

Hornsby North End secretary Earl Partridge said that the aim is to establish the club firmly in Second Division, and that every opportunity will be given to local youth with ability and the keenness to serve the club and improve their football.

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Western Suburbs' capture of Concord Oval for Sunday matches is one of the most resounding successes in the history of the Federation.

Concord Oval is one of Sydney's top sporting arenas, and can cater for 20,000 spectators.

West's will play their Saturday matches at Drummoine Oval.

Drummoine and Concord Councils have shown unbounded faith in West's future.

The "Magpies" social club is already the biggest in Sydney soccer, and is roughly midway between the two ovals.

The club should ultimately gain a permanent First Division place.

Over 60 players are re-

porting at Concord Oval on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, where coaches on duty are Joe Marston and Leo Bosklopper.

An under-21 team will be fielded, and the club will sponsor Western Suburbs Association's under-14 and 16 teams.

West's are the successor to Concord club, which figured prominently in Sydney soccer in the 1930s.

Stars included legendary winger "Tinhare" Robinson, Douglas McLaren, later secretary of the NSW Soccer League, Donald Whiteside, Johnny Morton, and Billy Monagle.

From 1957 to the end of 1959 Concord played in First Division.

— Keith Gilmour.

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ROUND THE WORLD

New rules considered

Soccer's England-based International Board will meet in June to consider a possible revision of the laws of the game. They will consider a recommendation forbidding goalkeepers to bounce the ball more than three times before clearing in a bid to stave off time-wasting and also a new off-side rule. The new rule, suggested by the Scots and Spaniards, calls for the pitch to be divided into three equal parts, instead of two as now. The central part would be declared "neutral" and off-side would not exist in this area.

Sparta beats Singapore 6-0

Sparta Prague scored an easy 6-0 win over Singapore's national team at the Singapore Municipal Stadium last Sunday night. Singapore finished fourth in the recent Asian Games in Bangkok. The Czechs are now in Hong Kong where they are playing three games during the Chinese New Year festivities.

Russians chase sunshine

The Soviet national squad is spending three weeks training in Yugoslavia before starting their international commitments for 1967. A 33-men squad under new coach Michael Yakuchin has set up headquarters at Makarska on the sunny Dalmatian coast. The Russians will play a series of "trial" games against Yugoslav Second Division sides.

Goalkeeper jolted

The brilliant goalkeeper, Reginato was largely responsible for the splendid defensive record of Cagliari in the Italian championship: during 712 minutes of matches he didn't concede one goal. Now Reginato suffered serious concussion and Cagliari officials regard it as a bad omen for their future.

Bobby Smith off to US

Bobby Smith will settle in the United States next month. The former Tottenham and England centre-forward, now 33, will receive a signing-on fee of \$2,200 and a weekly salary of \$200 for two years, including the off-season. Hastings, the non-League club where Smith now plays, will not get a penny out of the deal from the US "rebel" league which will "allocate" Smith to either a Los Angeles or San Francisco club.

Yugoslavs can play

So far three expatriate Yugoslav stars have been given permission to play for Yugoslavia against West Germany in the European Nations' Cup on May 3: Galic (Standard Liege), Skoblar (Marseille) and Jusufi (Eintracht Frankfurt). Yugoslavia's team-selector, Mitic, is confident that by the end of the month another four foreign-based stars will be allowed to take part in the vital international game.

Spaniards to move

Two of Spain's best-known players are among six First Division Spaniards who are off to America to try their luck in the newly-created Professional League. They are Santisteban, the former Real Madrid halfback, now with Cordoba, and Coruna's international fullback, Tejada. The others who are going to the States are Ruben (Coruna), Lopez (Sevilla) and Atletico Madrid's Mayoral and Martinez.

Sharp Soviet "nyet"

The Soviet Sports Ministry has banned the use of banners, rattles, trumpets and other devices used by sports fans all over the world. In a terse communique last month the Ministry deplored the "circus" atmosphere that was creeping into Soviet spectator sport, especially soccer.

It's all in the family

A peculiar situation has occurred in the Yugoslav Cup where reserve teams are also allowed to compete. Hajduk Split's reserves have fought their way to the quarter-finals — where they were drawn against ... Hajduk Split. The match ended in 2-2 even after extra time and the replay will take place in March.

FA Cup big draw

The third round of the English FA Cup, a fortnight ago, attracted the biggest aggregate attendance since 1959. 880,766 spectators attended the 32 matches for an average of 27,530 people per game. The corresponding round in the French Cup, played the same weekend, only drew 134,000 spectators.

Recently a huge robbery involving millions of liras was discovered in the city of Rome. According to a news agency report, Italian police have arrested and charged Da Silva, the former AS Roma star of Brazilian origin who last year toured Australia with the team but has since been transferred.

● Feyenoord's Norwegian coach, Willi Kment, caused a bombshell by packing up without any explanation and returning to Oslo.

● Argentina and Uruguay topped the South American championship round-robin and will meet in the final in Montevideo. Chile and Paraguay will play off for third place.

● Fiorentina's Italian international goalkeeper, Albertosi, made his comeback last weekend against Brescia after being out for six weeks with a broken ankle.

● George Heylens, Anderlecht's Belgian international fullback, is also a very successful businessman who owns a chain of sporting goods stores throughout Belgium.

● Bologna's brilliant winger Pascutti last week scored his 120th Italian First Division goal.

● Real Madrid supplied seven players to Spain's national team against Turkey last week: Araquistain, Sanchis, De Felipe, Pirri, Velazquez, Amancio and Grosso. The teams drew 0-0 in Ankara.

● As from April this year, Swedish TV will televise two matches live every weekend. They paid \$25,000 for the rights.

● Eintracht Braunschweig, the West German Bundesliga club will tour the United States in June and July and will play 10 matches all across the country.

● Italian clubs have agreed to release Swedish stars Hamrin and Jonsson for the coming Sweden v. Portugal European Nations' Cup return match in Stockholm. The Swedes surprised by winning the first leg in Lisbon last year.

● The recent testimonial matches throughout Portugal for the incapacitated Portuguese World Cup fullback Vicente raised \$60,000.

● The Swedish FA has threatened to impose life suspensions to any of their players joining the US Professional League.

● Chilean club Colo Colo is negotiating with Corinthians Sao Paulo for a one-year loan of Garrincha. Sao Paulo refused but agreed to "lease" Garrincha to the Chileans for their US tour next month in exchange of \$16,000.

● Swiss club La Chaux-de-Fonds have called off their proposed world tour because Hong Kong would not agree to their terms.

● The UEFA have barred Ajax Amsterdam from playing their new Yugoslav international stopper, Vasovic, against Dukla Prague in the European Cup because he has not been with the Dutch club for the prescribed three months.

● England's World Cup skipper, Bobby Moore, has been given the "Freedom" of the City of London.

● Dinamo Zagreb last week became the first club team from behind the "Iron Curtain" to play a friendly match in Spain when they met Real Madrid at Bernabeu Stadium.

● Barcelona defeated Intercontinental Cup winners Penarol Montevideo 1-0 in Caracas, Venezuela.

● Benfica and Chile's new champions, Universidad Catolica, played a 1-1 draw at Santiago last week.

● Should Inter Milan and Real Madrid have to play-off in their European Cup quarterfinal tie, the match will be played at Marseilles, France.

● France's greatest player, Raymond Kopa, may go into politics when he hangs up his boots in two years. Kopa, 35, is still one of France's most famous sporting identities although no longer available for national team selection.

● River Plate beat Santos 4-2 in Los Angeles in front of a record US West Coast soccer crowd of 28,000 spectators.

● Benfica's fullback Augusto Silva fractured his skull in Chile during Benfica's current tour and was flown back to Lisbon to be hospitalised.

● Real Madrid made a profit of \$42,000 on a turnover of about \$2,300,000 in 1966. Most of the other Spanish clubs have lost money.

● Yugoslavia have announced that they will not compete in the soccer tournament of the 1968 Olympic Games.

● Nandor Hidegkuti, coach of the MTK club, has been appointed in charge of Hungary's "B" team.

● Once the world's greatest exporter of soccer talent, Argentina is becoming an importer. In the 1966 championship just ended 39 foreign players took part. Uruguay provided the bulk with 22.

● Red Star Belgrade star Ivan Toplak is joining a US club in San Francisco.

● Many clubs are organising an open revolt against the Irish Football Association's outdated rule which still forbids Sunday matches.

● Spain's current top scorer is Brazilian-born Waldo of CF Valencia.

African Nations' Cup

The African Nations' Cup kicked off this week and will last until December when the winners of the eight preliminary groups will play-off in Ethiopia. The preliminary groups are: Group A: Senegal, Guinea, Liberia. Group B: Upper Volta, Algeria, Mali. Group C: Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Togoland. Group D: United Arab Republic, Libya. Group E: Kenya, Uganda. Group F: Camerouns, Tunisia, Congo (Brazzaville). Group G: Congo (Leopoldville), Sudan. Group H: Tanzania, Mauritius.

Near riot in Barcelona

The recent international match in Barcelona between the Spanish Under-23 team and Luxembourg's "A" side nearly developed into a full-scale riot. The Spaniards won 5-0 after one of the roughest matches seen in Spain. Eight players had to receive ambulance attention after a series of dangerous, ugly fouls. The Luxembourg players got the worse of things as they lost both their goalies and their centre-forward, Leonard, broke his nose and lost six teeth in the fray. To top it all, spectators bombarded the French referee, Barde, with refuse when he sent the Spanish fullback, De Felipe, off late in the match.

Athens' new stadium

Athens will soon have a brand-new, much needed stadium capable of holding 100,000 spectators. Although the stadium will be built specifically for the 1969 European Athletics Championship, soccer matches will be played there weekly. Athens badly needs a bigger football ground as the biggest stadium at the moment can only hold 45,000 spectators and is hopelessly inadequate whenever any of the country's "big three" — AEK, Olympiakos and Panathinaikos — meet.

Santos stars go

The famous Santos, Pele's club, is ready to transfer some of its established stars like Mengalvio, Coutinho and Haroldo. In their place they have signed Rildo and Silva from Botafogo and Flamengo.

Pele ueber alles?

Despite denials, fresh rumors circulate that Pele will soon play for a European, possibly West German club. The reason is said to be that Pele has been blamed by his club, Santos, for their failure in the 1966 Brazilian championship (Paulista) — and that some of his business ventures ended in great financial losses.

Brazil's high living

Brazil's national team squad will soon hold the first high altitude training camp in preparation for the 1970 World Cup when eight of the nine venues will be over 6000 ft. above sea level. The Brazilian camp is at Pedee de Sino, 6900 ft. high.

SCOREBOARD

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

JIM HARRIS of South Coast has been signed as non-playing coach by Second Division Balgownie. Both Melita Eagles and Prague were interested in him but neither party could agree to terms. It is understood that South Coast are considering to "loan" their former captain-coach "free" for the season.

Blacktown United entered a candidate in Blacktown Municipal Council's Australia Day celebrations. **LINDA STONE**, sister of fullback Bob Stone had the good fortune to win the contest and was crowned "Queen". The contestants were selected on their poise, looks, charm and intelligence. The Stone family hail from London and emigrated to Australia a year ago and have settled in Blacktown.

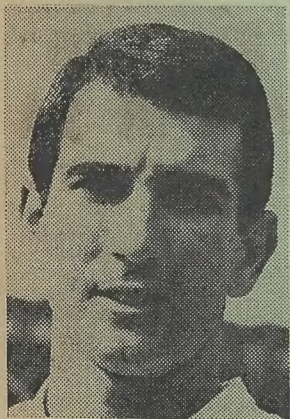
APIA president, **EDDIE PROVERA**, is on a two months "leave of absence". During his absence, vice-president **VIC CAPPELETTO** will be the club's chairman.

Good news for some Sydney club is that **NIGEL SHEPHERD**, the Slavia, Victoria and Australian World Cup fullback, is being transferred by his firm to Sydney within the next three weeks. One of the outstanding defenders in Australia, the Scottish-born Shepherd is married and has three children. The Sydney club he eventually lands with is anybody's guess at the moment.

Melita Eagles have signed 21-year-old Greek-born goalkeeper **L. HASKAKIS** who has played for Yugal and Pan Hellenic.

TIBOR ZUCKERMAN has been taken off the transfer list by St. George-Budapest and has started training with his club again.

LES SCHEINFLUG expects to be fit to play in about two weeks. The Australian World Cup skipper is keen to gain representative honors this year and is not rushing his training before he has fully recovered from a troublesome leg tendon injury.



Pan Hellenic's dynamic halfback, **JOHN SANCHEZ**, may join George Cross in Melbourne. Sanchez, a former Gravesend (England) star, played for two seasons with Slavia-Melbourne before joining Pan Hellenic in 1965.

The **AUSTRALIAN COACHES FEDERATION** will publish a quarterly technical coaching review for national distribution. The first issue will come out some time in March or April. The 12-page magazine will be produced by ACF officials Joe Vlasits, Harry Preece and Joe Kurucz.

WARREN ADDISON, Cumberland's only Australian-born first team regular last season, is far from fit and is unlikely to play before the start of the competition.

JOHNNY GALAMBOS is training with St. George.

However, he is most unlikely to join his former club when and if his Melbourne outfit, Lions grant him his transfer request. Most likely to land the lanky forward is Canterbury.

Hakoah's two NEW CALEDONIAN lads have been held up in Noumea because they haven't yet been issued with tourist visas. They were due in Sydney last week, but may only arrive this weekend.

CROATIA and **PRAGUE** will travel to Newcastle next Sunday to play a double-header under lights at Speer's Point against Lake Macquarie and Adamstown respectively.

ILJA TAKAC, Yugal's brilliant new forward from Sarajevo, is employed in the City Markets by Yugal secretary Maron Kovacevic.

PAUL CROCKER and **JOHN ENTWHISTLE**, Cumberland's left winger and inside right last Friday week against Yugal, were members of the club's premiership-winning third grade side last season. Crocker, 20, is a product of Auburn's junior nursery and scored 21 goals in 1966. Entwhistle, an Englishman from Huddersfield, has been in Australia for 12 months. Coach Len Quested thinks highly of both players who may be first team regulars this season.

Benefit team picked

The following players have been chosen in John Watkiss' squad to play against Hakoah at Marks Field next Wednesday, February 15, in the Ray Neal Testament match: Rorke, Waktiss, Giacometti, Campana (APIA); Maglis, Westwater (Pan Hellenic); Hillary, Warren (St. George); Jaros, Azzopardi (Melita Eagles); Yaager (Canterbury); Giles (Croatia); Gauto (Prague); Salisbury (South Coast); Alagich (Yugal); Goldie (Cumberland).

All clubs are represented in the squad with the exception of Polonia-NS. The match will kick off at 8.15 p.m. and the takings will go to Ray Neal's widow and three children.

Donations can also be sent to "The Late Ray Neal Fund", care NSW Soccer Federation, 251 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

GEORGE MCPHAIL, the clever Cumberland wing half, has retired from soccer. In recent years McPhail has had a very bad run of injuries.

JOHN BOND, the former Prague fullback, may soon join another Sydney First Division club.

PETER BANICEVIC signed a contract with Yugal just before their Ampol Cup start. From 1962 to the end of 1966 Banicevic was the pivot of St. George-Budapest.

The progressive and ambitious **RYDE** club want more players, from 14 upward. They should contact Ted Cooper on 88-3310. Ryde are keen to produce talented young players and they would be the happiest if they could provide leading First Division clubs with fresh local talent — free, of course.

Entries will close for all competitions in the **EASTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION** on Monday, March 6. New entries are invited and a special meeting will be held on Monday, February 13 at the Randwick Literary Institute, 60 Clovelly Road, Randwick at 8.00 p.m. All clubs are to attend and new entries are invited along. For all enquiries phone the secretary, W. Gourlie, at 82-1691.



JOE ALAGICH captained Yugal for the first time last Friday night against Cumberland. He will captain the team until player-coach Ferdo Dunaj is fit to play.

Prague may exchange **ROD HOARE** and **JOHNNY BOND** for Yugal's **HEINZ RINGHOFF**. The German-born Ringhoff played for Prague before joining Yugal five years ago.

BLACKTOWN RAINBOWS intend to field four teams in 1967. They have two central grounds at their disposal and wish to engage a qualified amateur coach. Any interested coach or player who wishes to join the Rainbows should contact Philip Micallef on 622-3412.

United Youth goalkeeper, **ALBERT UMPLEBY**. Their reserve goalie, Bruce Taylor, is keenly being sought after by St. George-Budapest. Arncliffe Scots are still short of forwards. Anyone interested in joining them can ring secretary John Grant on 599-2147 or Ross Warren, 53-7428.

LEO BAUMGARTNER is one of the applicants for the coaching post at Sutherland. The others are last year's coach, Frank Wimmer and former Leichhardt and Prague fullback, Ken Hiron.

VICTOR FERNANDEZ, the tricky little St. George forward, is certain to retrain from Argentina — the question is, when? His wife, Sandra, is expecting their first baby in April and Victor doesn't know yet whether to wait for this in Buenos Aires or to come back to Sydney at once.



BRIAN RHODES, the former South Coast and Pan Hellenic goalkeeper, says he has retired from top soccer. He expects to play with Illawarra District amateur club, Fernhill — as a centre-forward. The English-born Rhodes played in West Ham's first team a few seasons ago and also represented NSW against Torpedo Moscow in March 1965.

DOS SANTOS, Canterbury's Spanish forward has changed his mind about a move and will stay with the Berries.

ALICK JEFFREY, the former Prague and Cumberland star, was dropped from Doncaster Rovers' first team recently. New manager Keith Kettleborough dropped the former English boy prodigy for the first time of his career because he felt the overweight Jeffrey was not a match-fit. Kettleborough is having Jeffrey follow special extra afternoon training sessions under his own supervision. Jeffrey is taking his fall from grace philosophically and hopes to fight his way back into the team soon.

Progressive amateur club **ARNCLIFFE SCOTS** have signed a former Manchester

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OUR SOCCER IS GOOD FOR THE TIME WE PUT INTO IT

I have just returned from England where I played for two years with West Ham United's juniors.

A great deal is written and spoken about the merits of the game of football in Australia.

Quite frequently comparisons are drawn between playing standards of Australia and Europe or South America.

I think that before one is able to do this properly, one must have a relative basis of comparison.

The standard of football in Australia is good — taking into account the time we put into it.

If you consider that a Sydney first division club spends roughly four hours a week on training and compare this with the strenuous European training schedule, the end result, in Sydney, is not as poor as it first seems.

In Europe, all coaches in control of first division teams must be qualified.

The greater the footballing education of these coaches the more successful they become. (Ramsey,

Busby, Schoen, Guttman, Herrera, etc.).

The qualification of some Sydney coaches is naturally not quite as high as their European counterparts' but they do very well considering the time, facilities, etc., given to our coaches.

It will be understood that before you can withdraw you must invest.

Australia has the ability to go a long way in football (in time to come) but first it must achieve a certain foundation on which to build on.

This means fulltime football and the education (footballwise) of our coaches.

This way the playing standards of Australian football will certainly rise, resulting in a greater international respect and will also bring the success-demanding Australian public to the greatest team game in the world.

— Alex Stefanovic.

Tips for trainers

MUSCLE REPAIR IS VITAL TASK

— By D. JACKSON, N.A.T.A. (USA) —

Every trainer should be familiar with the word "adhesions".

Adhesions are the cohesion of adjacent surfaces normally separate, and it is the excess growth of this new tissue which is responsible for most disability following such injuries as a sprain or muscular strain.

If we take two pieces of rope and splice them together, at the point of the splice it will be thicker and stiffer than the normal rope.

A good splicer will pound and stretch the splice until it is not noticeable from any other part of the rope.

In the repair of muscle tissue we have the same principle.

To prevent adhesions causing stiffness and the consequent restriction in movement they are best controlled by heat, massage and exercise.

So next time one of your players reports a deep bruising don't forget those adhesions that could spell trouble and get to it with heat, massage and mild stretching routine.

Three lively encounters for Adelaide coming up

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Croatia's experience should triumph over the youthful Burnside-Budapest team when the Ampol Cup series returns to Hindmarsh next Monday night.

Budapest goalkeeper Bill Ferguson is the only veteran of the lively side which has an average age of only 18 and a half years.

Exuberance and speed has gained Budapest draws against solid Enfield and newcomers Port Adelaide but I can't see them succeeding against a Croatia which lost only narrowly to Juventus.

Croatia will cover an obvious wing weakness by including David Mapstone from Birkalla on either the left or right flank.

Croatia's new fullback from Melbourne-Croatia, Matijevic, began well against Juventus but showed his lack of match practice as the game progressed.

Frank Lister will also have benefited by his first competitive game since returning from overseas.

And provided Billy Graham has fully recovered from his foot injury, Croatia should

be too powerful to be denied their first Ampol game victory for the year.

Victoria, who's sharpshooting was a feature of last winter, were strangely off target in their drawn encounter with USC Lion.

They will need to regain their former zest to match the forward punch of Polonia in next Monday's late match.

With Spreyer unavailable for the series Victoria recalled capable substitute goalkeeper Vetter against Lion.

Vetter, together with Kieboom, Gerken and Mueller will be hard pressed to halt Polonia's speedsters, Typek, Mielnik and Kolecki.

This interest-packed game could be won or lost in mid-field where Polonia's Manika, Kouzapa and Novak should be able to wrest control from Victoria's trio, Kieboom, Millar and newcomer, Haddington from Elizabeth.

SM-Hellas visit

Leading Victorian team South Melbourne-Hellas will play West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday night at 8.30 p.m.

The challenge game between the two State champions will be the first played at the Federation headquarters since the completion of extensive improvements.

The clash will enable Adelaide goalkeeper Panagiotis Tsitsos to realise a burning ambition.

Since his transfer from SM-Hellas last June, Tsitsos has been biding his time to show his former club that he has lost none of his acrobatic skills.

The Australian debut of Christos Athanasiadis for WA Hellas will provide an added highlight.

WA Hellas and Elizabeth City juniors will provide a curtainraiser.

The Victorians will be entertained at an after-match barbeque at 20 Hughes Street, Mile End.

THRILLING CUP FINISH LIKELY

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

With South Melbourne-Hellas out of the running in the Ampol Cup Group "A", it's a three-team battle in this section with JUST, Croatia and Hakoah involved.

The issue could be settled on Friday when JUST meet Hakoah.

In the other section, Slavia could clinch themselves a place in the semis if they beat the improving Juventus.

Juventus v. Slavia

Coming nearer to a balanced and stable formation Juventus could, if they get better backing from coach Mario Corti, make things tough for Slavia.

Juventus have some good players but misplacement and too many changes in their first two games killed any hopes they may have had of qualifying for the semis.

Closs and Norman are the key-men in their team.

Slavia came much nearer to their true form against Polonia with a whole-hearted display from a well balanced side and always slow starters they are likely to improve further.

Randles at wing half and McCorquodale at inside are in top gear and the Port side's prospects of entering the semis are now bright.

JUST v. Hakoah

What a battle this should be.

For Hakoah still in with a chance must beat JUST to make the last four.

However, JUST only need to force a draw to make their semi-final entry secure.

Fode, Micic and Handricks are in tremendous form.

Hakoah are a powerful side and not without plenty of ability into the bargain.

Keith and Murney are stalwarts in defence with Monan and Armstrong goal-getters in attack.

However, unless 'keeper O'Hara tones down and cuts out his antics, JUST are favored to win.

FIRST WIN!

Played in intense heat, last week's night soccer produced the two best games of the series and

from start to finish the crowd was kept on their toes with fast, exciting soccer.

Slavia won their first-ever night cup game when they easily defeated Polonia while Croatia and JUST fought out a terrific scoreless draw.

Slavia v. Polonia 3-1

An easy win in the end for Slavia despite the fact that 'keeper Barotajs gifted Polonia their goal when the score was 2-0 and this spurred an all-out effort from Polonia who had the Port side rattled for a brief spell.

Slavia had much more co-ordination, looked much fitter than at their first outing with Shepherd, Cook, Lockton and Reid their aces.

Polonia, not a bad side by any means, fell badly down in attack and their defence was overworked at times.

Scorers: Slavia: Reid, Lockton and Savage; Polonia: Kowalec.

Croatia v. JUST 0-0

This was a real hum-dinger of a match from start to finish and it was action soccer all through.

Initially it was the fast-moving Croatia attack who set the game in motion with some lightning-fast moves.

But the calm and steady JUST defence never lost their heads.

The fortunes of the game changed all night and at the finish a division of points was in keeping with the play.

For Croatia, Young in goal, Adam and Keenan stood out while Duncan McKay had a good comeback with new full back Friganovic also impressive.

The JUST stars were Micic, Rusmir and Stan-kovic.

But this trio was overshadowed by the brilliant display of Fode in goal.

"BIG TWO" WIN IN SA

Polonia and Juventus boosted their chances of reaching the Ampol Cup finals in South Australia last Monday night.

A crowd of 2,500 in intense heat saw Polonia defeat Lion 3-1 and Juventus beat Enfield City 3-0 after a scoreless first half.

Scorers: Polonia — Marciniak (2), Typek, Lion — Lovell; Juventus — Herczeg, Meneghetti, Cruz.

Last Thursday week Hellas beat Austria 2-0 with goals by Peterson and Joschke and Port Adelaide drew 1-1 with Budapest (scorers Glen and Bakurski).

MINOR LEAGUES

Although several clubs have been expelled from the Metropolitan League for an array of reasons there is no shortage of applications for admission to this league and also to the Provincial League.

Besides the four clubs admitted to the Metro League — Yallourn, Clayton, Monash University and Rosebud — the Federation have had a host of applications from other clubs some of whom will undoubtedly gain admission to the Provincial League after being vetted and passed.

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Two Sparta stars will join Slavia

Slavia are to get the services of two Sparta Prague players as soon as the present Czech season ends — but only on loan.

The players are Joesf Vojta, a utility player who strongly impressed in the 5-1 defeat of Victoria, and either right-winger Tomas Pospichal or Kraus, who is reported to be a forward with a scoring touch and who was not in the touring party which came to Australia.

The two players are expected to arrive in Melbourne sometime in June and would be available for the majority of the State League games.

In fact they would arrive in time to beat the transfer deadline now in effect.

The tight-lipped Juventus management have never come into the oven to let their fans or the public into the mystery of the continued omission from their first team of last season regulars — George Scott, Jimmy Millar and John Milton.

And so far its merely a matter of conjecture on their non-appearance in the night soccer series.

But my bet is the players are not seeing eye to eye with the highly-paid Juventus coach, Mario Corti, who came

from Juventus (Adelaide) late last season.

Amazing thing is Corti himself has so far failed to impress, especially as a player.

Perhaps the answer could also be that Juventus have plans to field a side with much more Italian content than they have done in the past three years.

By switching inside forward Norbert Gajda to centre half and moving centre half Ziggy Gross to left half, Polonia have all but admitted they have a problem in their defence.

However, I doubt if the move will have the desired effect.

Gajda, an experienced inside-man who played with top Polish side Opole until 1965, is no improvement on Gross and in fact his influence has been missed in attack by the young Polonia forwards.

As the longest serving Polonia player — he has been with the club six years — Ziggy Gross has lost his effectiveness at left half.

Polonia obviously reckon they need a stopper.

In my book they also need a centre forward.

No disrespect to 20-year-old local product Mick Olinowski who is at present filling the berth with credit.

But in my estimation Olinowski is a tailor-made left half, a position at which he has already appeared for Polonia on numerous occasions.

Still tipping Polonia to do well this season I venture to say they could become real challengers for top honors with a couple of good players — centre half and centre forward...

One of the most pleasing features of the Hakoah side this season is the form shown so far by right winger Keith Fry, who joined the club in 1966.

A Welshman, who was on the books of Notts County, his anticipation in collecting a pass quickly from his defenders and bringing the ball quickly under control — his accuracy in crossing and his neat flicks inside are attributes which are showing up much more favorably now than they did in 1966.

So watch Keith Fry in 1967. He could turn out one of Victoria's wingers.

— Bob Low.

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